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SUBJECT: MOBUTU REQUESTS TRANSFER OF OUR CONSUL IN LUBUMBASHI

REF: KINSHASA 5060

1. TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM CND CHIEF SETI, WHICH REQUESTS
TRANSFER OF CONSUL BORG FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE

"AT THE REQUEST OF CITIZEN-PRESIDENT OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR
THE REVOLUTION, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
INTER-SERVICE RELATIONS, WE HAVE THE HONOR OF SUBMITTING TO YOU
THE MALICIOUS REMARKS MADE BY THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED

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STATES IN LUBUMBASHI.

1. DURING THE OCCUPATION OF MUTSHATSHA BY THE ENEMY, THE
PHYSICIAN-DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN KOLWEZI MET THE
CONSUL GENERAL AT A FARM LOCATED IN THE LUBUMBASHI SUBURBS AND
COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE AMERICANS WERE ABANDON-
ING THE ZAIROIS.

THE AMERICAN CONSUL RETORTED THAT ACCORDING TO AMERICAN

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, THE FORMER KATANGESE GENDARMES HAD BEEN LED NEITHER BY THE RUSSIANS NOR THE CUBANS AND THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF A POPULAR INTERNAL UPRISING IN ZAIRE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE UNITED STATES DID NOT HAVE TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL CONFLICTS OF A STATE.

2. IN RESPONDING TO THE PHYSICIAN-DIRECTOR'S QUESTION AS TO WHY THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ABLE TO AID ZAIRE TO REPEL THE INVADERS BY FURNISHING WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, THE AMERICAN CONSUL REPLIED THAT SINCE ZAIRE DID NOT HAVE AN ARMY CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE WEAPONS WHICH THE UNITED STATES COULD SUPPLY, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, VENTURE TO DELIVER BOMBS TO THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD ONLY UNDERTAKE TO DESTROY STRATEGIC POINTS IN ORDER TO REFER BACK TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AID TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE.

3. TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER, HE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD ALREADY GRANTED A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL AID TO ZAIRE. NOW, THIS MONEY WAS DEPOSITED IN PRIVATE ACCOUNTS ABROAD TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. THE AMERICAN CONSUL HAD STATED, MOREOVER, THAT THE MEDICINES SUPPLIED TO ZAIRE BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DIVERTED BY THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE POPULATION. WHEN THE PHYSICIAN-DIRECTOR REACTED SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER HAD PUT A CONSIDERABLY LARGE SUPPLY OF MEDICINES AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE KOLWEZI GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOT ONLY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE MILITARY, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR THE POPULATION, THE AMERICAN CONSUL EXCLAIMED THAT IT WAS ALL NONSENSE.

5. EARLY THIS WEEK, THE AMERICAN CONSUL TURNED UP IN KOLWEZI TO ASCERTAIN THE STATE OF HEALTH OF COLONEL DIKUTA, WOUNDED DURING AN ATTACK WHICH OCCURRED 20 KILOMETERS FROM SANDOA. IN SECRET

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THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID ZAIRE WANTED TO MAKE PUBLICITY OUT OF THIS ATTACK, WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO HIM (THE CONSUL), THE COLONEL HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT. ALL OF THESE ELEMENTS WHICH FOR US, CONSTITUTE SUBVERSIVE REMARKS, WOULD NORMALLY LEAD THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES TO INVITE THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES IN LUBUMBASHI TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY (I.E. PNG). BUT, REALIZING THE EXCELLENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS AND BECAUSE WE KNOW IT MAY BE THE PROBLEM OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OVER-REACHES HIMSELF IN EXPRESSING HIS OPINIONS, WE REQUEST THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES RECALL THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN LUBUMBASHI AND TREAT IT AS A NORMAL TRANSFER.

THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER, HIMSELF ANXIOUS THAT THIS PROBLEM BE KEPT SECRET, HAS THEREFORE AUTHORIZED US TO FORWARD VIA YOUR SERVICE THE DETAILS OF THIS SITUATION TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THUS, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY DECLARATION NOR OFFICIAL ACT UPON THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN LUBUMBASHI.

I ASK YOU TO BELIEVE, SIR, IN MY BEST SENTIMENTS.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE C.N.D.

SETI YALE, KOLWEZI 25 MAY, 1977

END QUOTE

3. COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS BEING SENT SEPTELS.

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